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SUBJ: MINTOFF PREFERS TALK ECONOMICS

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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR MEDITERRANEAN AFFAIRS BLOT
SYAS PRELIMINARY BUT INCOMPLETE MALTESE REACTIONS TO
FRENCH APPROACH ARE NOT VERY ENCOURAGING. IN FIRST
CONTACT WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR BLOT SAYS MINTOFF MADE
IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS NOT WILLING SEPARATE POLITICAL FROM
ECONOMIC PARTS OF PROBLEM, AS FRENCH HAD HOPED AND
STRESSED THAT LATTER MUST HAVE PRIORITY IN THIS DIS-
CUSSION. BLOT ASSUMES THESE ARE ONLY OPENING MOVES,
BUT EMPHASIZES, MORE THAN BEFORE, THAT GOF WOULD NOW
HAVE TO PROCEED WITH "EXTREME PRUDENCE."

2. ONLY HOPEFUL NOTE WAS MINTOFF'S FURTHER COMMENT
THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION LETTING SOVIETS GET MIXED UP
IN THIS AFFAIR.

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